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# Rural Information Center

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National Agricultural Library

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## TREND MONITORING DATABASE SYSTEM

The RIC staff completed designing system specifications for a customized database tracking and trend monitoring system which will be used to record and collect data on all RIC requests. The online system will include customized input screens for the RIC staff to record all pertinent data on every information request. The system will also collect user statistics by geographic location and affiliation, generate information and management reports, and provide an inventory control link between the information request and the RIC response. With the installation of this system, RIC and the Extension Service will be able to create an in-house database and monitor specific rural trends by geographic areas. If all programming

requirements and system testing are finished on schedule RIC expects the system to be operational in the spring.

## RIC IDENTIFIED AS AN INFORMATION RESOURCE

Two 1988 directories identified RIC as a resource for economic development information:

*Working Together: A Guide to Federal and State Resources for Rural Economic Development.* Compiled by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and published jointly by the SBA and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

*A Guide to Studies and Programs Relevant to Small Business Development and Rural Revitalization,* by Roger Prestwich. 2d edition. Published by Spring Hill Center, Wayzata, MN.



## THIRTY-SEVEN STATES JOIN THE RIC PROJECT

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RIC OUTREACH: EXHIBITS

- \*Rural Economic Development Conference:  
Rural America -- The Search for Solutions, St.  
Louis, MO., November 28-30. Pioneer Hi-Bred  
International coordinated RIC materials.
- \*National League of Cities Annual Conference,  
Boston, MA., December 3-9. Ted Maher,  
Extension Service Local Government National

Program Leader, coordinated the exhibit and  
RIC materials.

RIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND  
REFERENCE BRIEFS

*Directory of Funding Sources.* Compiled by Helen  
Yoas, RIC Graduate Intern, Clarion University of  
Pennsylvania, School of Library Science.

FY89 RURAL INFORMATION  
CENTER ANALYSIS:

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

States, Territories, Etc. Submitting  
Highest Number of Requests

District of Columbia .....	15%
Maryland.....	8%
North Carolina, Wisconsin (5% each) ..	10%
Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Virginia (4% each) .....	20%
Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas (3% each) .....	12%
Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, Washington, (2% each) .....	12%
All others (25 states & 2 foreign countries).....	23%

Breakdown of Rural  
Revitalization Questions

Economic Viability .....	56%
Local Government Services .....	19%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources .....	19%
Leadership/Community Change.....	6%

Affiliation Breakdown

State and County Extension Staff.....	47%
USDA Officials .....	12%
Universities.....	11%
Individuals.....	9%
Public Interest Groups.....	5%
State Officials and Libraries (4% each) ..	8%
Businesses .....	3%
Federal Officials (non-USDA) and Foreign Officials (2% each).....	4%
Community/Rural/Economic Organizations .....	1%